

10 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT: Military Officers as DCI

REFERENCE: Your Memorandum Dated 9 February 1977

1. In response to Admiral Turner's question concerning military officers who have served as DCI, the date of their incumbencies and whether or not they were on active or retired status while serving, you will note from the attached list that each of the first four DCI's was a military officer on active duty. All subsequent DCI's have been civilians, with the exception of VADM Raborn, who had retired from active duty before he became DCI.

2. It may also be of interest that of the six CIA Deputy Directors who were military officers, all of them were on active duty during their incumbencies and did not retire until after leaving CIA.

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## Directors

**Sidney William Souers**  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
23 January 1946-10 June 1946

ACTIVE DUTY  
(RET. JAN. 1953)

**The Honorable  
John Alex McCone**  
29 November 1961-28 April 1965

**Hoyt Sanford Vandenberg**  
Lieutenant General, USA  
10 June 1946-1 May 1947

ACTIVE DUTY  
(RET. JUNE 1953)

**William Francis Raborn, Jr.**  
Vice Admiral, USN (Retired)  
28 April 1965-30 June 1966

ALREADY  
RETIRED

**Roscoe Henry Hillenkoetter**  
Rear Admiral, USN  
1 May 1947-7 October 1950

ACTIVE DUTY  
(RET. AUG. 1957)

**The Honorable  
Richard Helms**  
30 June 1966-2 February 1973

**Walter Bedell Smith**  
General, USA  
7 October 1950-9 February 1953

ACTIVE DUTY  
(RET. FEB. 1953)

**The Honorable  
James R. Schlesinger**  
2 February 1973-2 July 1973

**The Honorable  
Allen Welsh Dulles\***  
26 February 1953-29 November 1961

**The Honorable  
William E. Colby**  
4 September 1973-30 January 1976

\* Mr. Dulles served as Acting DCI from  
9 to 26 February 1953.

**The Honorable  
George Bush**  
30 January 1975- 20 JAN 1977

## Deputy Directors

**The Honorable  
Kingman Douglas\***  
2 March 1946-11 July 1946

**Edwin Kennedy Wright** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**Brigadier General, USA** | *(RET. SEPT 1955)*  
20 January 1947-9 March 1949

**The Honorable  
William Harding Jackson**  
7 October 1950-3 August 1951

**The Honorable  
Allen Welsh Dulles**  
23 August 1951-26 February 1953

**Charles Pearre Cabell** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**General, USAF** | *(RET. JAN 1962)*  
23 April 1953-31 January 1962

**Marshall Sylvester Carter** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**Lieutenant General, USA** | *(RET. AUG 1969)*  
3 April 1962-28 April 1965

**The Honorable  
Richard Helms**  
28 April 1965-30 June 1966

**Rufus Lackland Taylor** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**Vice Admiral, USN** | *(RET FEB 1969)*  
13 October 1966-31 January 1969

**Robert Everton Cushman, Jr.** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**Lieutenant General, USMC** | *(RET JULY 1971)*  
7 May 1969-31 December 1971

**Vernon Anthony Walters** | *ACTIVE DUTY*  
**Lieutenant General, USA\*\*** | *(RET JULY 1976) 4*  
2 May 1972-7 July 1976

**The Honorable  
E. Henry Knoche**  
7 July 1976-

\*Mr. Douglas served as Acting DDCI from  
2 March through 11 July 1946.

\*\*General Walters served as Acting DCI from  
3 July through 3 September 1973.

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